(c) Districts have been identified as backward for coverage under the scheme.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Six Laning of NHS

3906. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has converted National Highways from four to six lanes;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years especially in Andhra Pradesh, State-wise; and

(c) the role of public-private partnership therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Government has given approval on 5.10.2006 for undertaking six-laning of 6500 km of National Highways through Public Private Partnership of BOT (Toll) basis following Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) pattern under NHDP Phase-V. This includes the entire length of NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh. The target date of completion of NHDP Phase-V is 2012.

(c) In Public-Private Partnership, the concessionaire (private sector) is required to meet the upfront cost of construction and the expenditure on annual maintenance. The viability of such projects is based on return on investment out of the future toll collection and Annuities payable by employer in case of BOT (Toll) and BOT (Annuity) Projects respectively.

Commissionerate for enforcing road safety norms

3907. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that around 85000 road accident deaths occur every year in the country;